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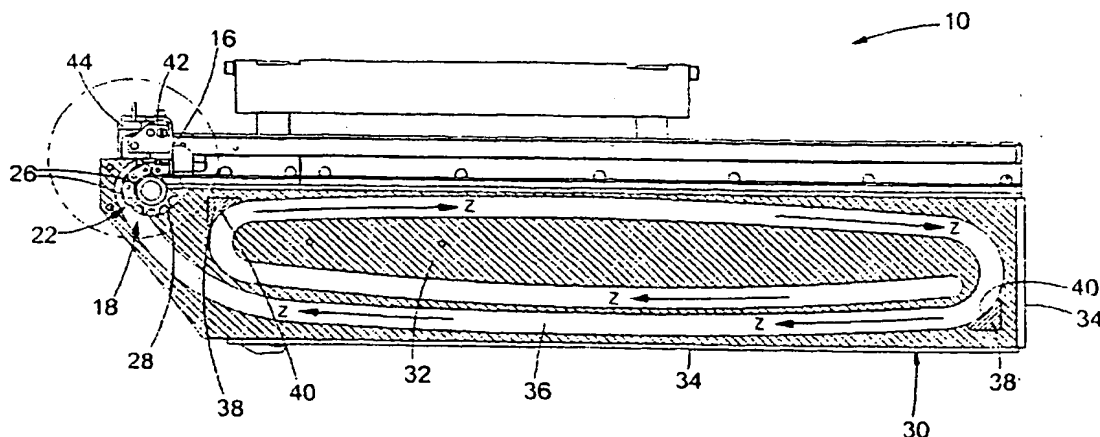
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(57) Abstract: This invention relates to an ammunition loading assembly (10) for loading a projectile (12) into a barrel (14) of a gun comprising an urging member (16) for urging the projectile (12) into the said barrel (14). The assembly (10) further includes a drive means (18) for driving the urging member (16) between a projectile receiving position outside the barrel (14) and a projectile delivery position inside the chamber (20) of the gun. The drive means (18) includes a drive chain assembly (22), for driving the urging member (16) between the projectile receiving and delivery positions. The drive chain assembly (22) is rigid in all directions but one, the arrangement being such that the drive chain assembly (22) pushes the urging member (16) from the projectile receiving position to the projectile delivery position and pulls the urging member (16) from the projectile delivery position to the projectile receiving position. The assembly further includes first and second chain-retaining devices (42, 44) for limiting curving of the chain assembly and guiding the chain when moving out of the magazine.

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